

## CONGREVE OF STRETTON, STAFFS

ARMS:\*Sable a chevron argent between three battle-axes argent (1583)

CREST: A falcon rising

Simon Congreve ALIAS Dumbleton of Congreve in Penkridge, Staffs clerk c1298-d a1334

(lord of Congreve)

chn: Roger Congreve below

Geoffrey Congreve below

[?] John Congreve m 12 May 1348 Catherine Barker dau of Richard Barker [see POA 63 (2 Apr 1370)]

Robert Congreve of Congreve in Penkridge, Staffs c1328-

(as son and heir, lord of Congreve); (succeeded by his brother Geoffrey)

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Geoffrey Congreve of Stretton, Staffs c1330-a1405

m1 Catherine Champion dau and coheir=b of William Champion of Little Saredon in Shareshill, Staffs c1281-a1354 [SLG]

m2 Agnes .....

d 1403-5; Will (...) 1403/..... to his wife Agnes, his son Robert and Robert's wife

Agnes [ALL]

(as brother and heir, lord of Congreve) ....-a1405; (by right of his wife, lord of Stretton) a1360-a1405

(with his wife Catherine, paid 3/0 at Stretton) 1380/1 [SHC XVIII 192]

chn: Robert Congreve b c1366 below

Robert Congreve of Stretton, Staffs c1366-a1438

m Agnes .....

d 1433-8

(as son and heir, lord of Congreve, Stretton and Water Eaton) a1405-a1438

[? (witness to a Flashbrook deed) 1421/2 [SHC 914 73]]

(held 1KF in Stretton and 0.25KF in Water Eaton) \*1428

(as of Congreve, on Staffordshire Inquisition regarding land) \*1428

[? ANCESTOR OF]

Richard Congreve of Stretton, Staffs c1418-a1477

m Agnes Harpur dau of John Harpur of Rushall, Staffs c1390-1464 [SLG]; b c1434

d 1461-77; [? Will of Loughton, Essex and Penkridge (PCC) 1496]

(as ..... and heir, lord of Congreve and Stretton) ....-a1477

[? (as son of Robert, aged 21) 1439 WILKES]

chn: Ralph Congreve below

Christopher Congreve 1492 (will of uncle Richard Harpur)

Ralph Congreve of Stretton, Staffs Esquire c1460-p1537

m1 Agnes Erdeswick dau of Hugh Erdeswick of Sandon, Staffs c1440-1501 [SLG]; c1532 FAS

m2 Margaret ....., c1532 FAS

(as son and heir, lord of Congreve and Stretton) a1477-....

(held 1KF in Stretton of the Barony of Stafford) \*1521; (as Mester, of Stretton, 1st family listed, with unnamed children) c1532 FAS; (living) 1537 [? (living) 1544 WILKES]

chn: John Congreve below

**John Congreve of Stretton, Staffs gentleman c1490-a1535**

m Dorothy Giffard dau of Sir John Giffard of Chillington in Brewood, Staffs Knight

c1466-1556 [SLG]; c1532 FAS; m2 (by licence, 8 Apr 1535) Francis Shirley of Staunton

Harold, Leics c1515-1571 [SLG]; Will (...) 9 Aug 1571/16 May 1571

d before his father a1535

(as Mester, of Shareshill, 3rd family listed) c1532 FAS

chn: Francis Congreve b c1520; (as Frances) c1532 FAS below

Isabel Congreve c1532 FAS

Dorothy Congreve c1532 FAS; m Robert Brokesby of Shoby, Leics c1520-....

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Thomas Congreve c1532 FAS  
John Congreve c1532 FAS  
Humphrey Congreve c1532 FAS  
Anthony Congreve c1532 FAS  
Margaret Congreve c1532 FAS  
Elizabeth Congreve m Thomas Underhill of Lower Ettington, Warwicks c1520-.... [SLG]  
Ursula Congreve m William Underhill of Honington, Warwicks c1524-1570 [SLG];  
d 17 May 1561

**Francis Congreve of Stretton, Staffs Esquire c1520-?1601**

m ..... Fowke dau of [? Roger] Fowke of Brewood, Staffs [c1480-1546] [SLG]  
[? d 1601 WILKES]  
(as grandson and heir, lord of Congreve and Stretton) ....-....  
(paid £10, Stretton) 1576 LS; (as gentleman, summoned but not entered at the Visitation) Aug  
\*1583; (living) 1591  
chn: Thomas Congreve below  
[?] .[dau]. Congreve m (as his 2nd wife) John Harman (of "Moor Hall", Sutton  
Coldfield, Warwicks c1552-.... [SLG]

**Thomas Congreve of Stretton, Staffs Esquire c1550-?1617**

m 30 Apr 1576 Brewood: Elizabeth Fowke dau and coheir of Roger Fowke of Gunstone in  
Brewood, Staffs c1510-a1576 [SLG]; b c1553  
[? d 1617 WILKES]  
(as son and heir, lord of Congreve and Stretton) ....-....; (of Shareshill)  
(Escheator, Staffs) 1606; (named in the Visitation) \*Aug 1614;  
chn: Francis Congreve [1] b c1578 below  
Isabel Congreve [1] b c1579; m Robert Peirse  
Elizabeth Congreve [2] c 2 Apr 1580 Shareshill; m Thomas Wilton  
Dorothy Congreve [3] c 14 May 1582 Shareshill; i 1584 Shareshill  
Mary Congreve [4] c 31 Jun 1583 Shareshill; m Edward Reeve  
Roger Congreve [2] c 11 Sep 1585 Shareshill  
Edward Congreve [3] c 29 Jul 1587 Shareshill; i Nov 1587 Shareshill  
Thomas Congreve [4] c 1589 Shareshill; (his father demised Congreve Hall to him  
for 7 years)  
John Congreve [5] c 11 Sep 1591 Shareshill  
Margaret Congreve [5] c 3 Feb 1594 Shareshill

**Francis Congreve of Stretton, Staffs Esquire c1578-1619**

m Dorothy Brooke dau of Richard Brooke of Lapley, Staffs c1545-1624 [SLG]  
d 19 May 1619 [1629 VCH]  
(as son and heir, lord of Congreve and Stretton) ....-1619; (of Shareshill)  
chn: Richard Congreve [1] b c1610; (aged 4) 1614; (aged 53) 1663 below  
Mary Congreve [1] c 25 Oct 1610 Shareshill; m Thomas Chetwynd of Hayward Park  
c1597-1641 [SLG] [see CHETWYND OF RUGELEY]  
Edward Congreve [2] c 1611 Shareshill; (had no chn); d a1663  
Thomas Congreve [3] c 1612 Shareshill; (had no chn); d a1663  
Francis Congreve [4] (had no chn); d a1663  
John Congreve [5] b 23 Jun 1618 [M.I.]; c 28 Jun 1618 Shareshill; m Virtue  
Workeman of Ireland; d 7 Aug 1670 aged 52; i Lapley; M.I. [SHC 1919 220];  
(Captain, Royalist Army)  
Dorothy Congreve [2] m Thomas Windsor of Wolverhampton, Staffs c1618-1696 [SLG]  
Elizabeth Congreve [3] m Anthony Colwich of Stydd, Derbys c1608-1661 [SLG]  
[Christopher Congreve only in WILKES]

**Richard Congreve of Stretton, Staffs Esquire c1610-1689**

m Ann Fitzherbert dau of Anthony Fitzherbert of Norbury, Derbys c1560-1613 [SLG]; (sister and  
coheir of Sir John Fitzherbert of Norbury, Derbys Knight c1590-1649)  
d 1689  
(as son and heir, lord of Congreve and Stretton); (aged 4) 1614; (presented at Lapley) 1638;  
(Captain of Horse, Cuttlestone 100) Nov 1642; (aged 53, certified Visitation) 6 Apr 1663; (Justise.  
About 55. £300 pr. Allways loyal and orthodox. A prudent sober man. ...) c1663 [ACCOUNT]; (with  
an estate of £600, an intended Knight of the Royal Oak) 16..; (J.P., Staffs) 1660-1680+; (as Esquire,  
11 hearths [Stretton Hall], Stretton) 1666 HT; (of "The Hall", Stretton) 1680 [KING]  
chn: John Congreve [1] b 18 Jun 1636 [BLG]; (aged 26) 1663 below  
William Congreve [2] b c1638 further below  
Thomas Congreve [3] b c1640; unkm.; d a1680; (educ. Stafford {Mr Powell})  
c1652-8; (adm. pensioner, St John, Cambridge) 24 Apr 1658; (matriculated) 1661;

(B.A.) 1661.2; [? (as Mr, 4 hearths, Goat Street, Wolverhampton); d Nov 1667]  
Elizabeth Congreve [1] m a1662 John Gaywood of Bishops Offley, Staffs  
c1640-.... **[SLG]**  
Martha Congreve [2] d a1680  
Mary Congreve [3]  
Frances Congreve [4]  
Gertrude Congreve [5]  
Ann Congreve [6]  
Carola Congreve [7]

### **John Congreve of Stretton, Staffs Esquire 1636-a1689**

b 18 Jun 1636 [BLG]  
m 23 Feb 1659.60 Pontesbury, Salop: Mary Niccols dau of Thomas Niccols of Boycott, Salop  
d *before his father* a1689  
(aged 26) 1663; [? ("for Squire Fowke's house" 9 hearths [Gunstone], Brewood) 1666 HT]; (as son  
and heir of Richard, of Congreve) 1680 [KING]  
chn: Mary Congreve c 9 Aug 1661 Pontesbury  
Ann Congreve [1] b c1662; (aged 1+) 1663  
John Congreve [1]  
John Congreve [2] c 5 Dec 1666 Colwich below  
Charles Congreve c 2 Jan 1667 Colwich  
Ralph Congreve [3] c 4 Mar 1668 Colwich below  
William Congreve [4] b 1670 [? confused with the dramatist]  
-[dau]- Congreve c 3 May 1673 Colwich  
Martha Congreve c 2 Jul 1674 Colwich

### **John Congreve of Stretton, Staffs Esquire 1666-1729**

c 5 Dec 1666 Colwich  
m 26 Jul 1688 Gnosall: Abigail Harwood dau of John Harwood of Crickheath, Salop c1631-.... [SLG];  
c 31 Dec 1669 Shrewsbury St Chad; d *aged 83* 1752; i Shrewsbury St Chad; M.I. [OWEN  
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d 1729 in debtor's prison [WILKES]; i 22 May 1729 Stretton  
(as grandson and heir, lord of Congreve and Stretton)  
chn: Isabel Congreve c 18 Nov 1690 Gnosall; m 25 Feb 1722 Sheriff Hales: Walter Stubbs  
John Congreve c 15 Jan 1693 Gnosall below  
Thomas Congreve c 29 Jul 1696 Gnosall; i 12 May 1732 Lapley  
John Congreve c 10 Mar 1696 Shrewsbury St Chad; d 1733; i Shrewsbury St Chad; M.I.  
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Richard Congreve [1] b 2 Apr 1698; c 7 Apr 1698 Shrewsbury St Chad  
William Congreve b 1699; d 8 Jun 1779; i *aged 79* Shrewsbury St Giles  
Ann Congreve c Sep 1702 Gnosall; m Robert Clavering; d *aged 57* 1757; i Shrewsbury St  
Chad; M.I. [OWEN SHREWSBURY 176]  
Charles William Congreve c 9 Oct 1707 Stretton  
Ralph Congreve b c1712; d 1748; (died at sea in the East Indies whilst Captain of the  
"Onslow")  
Richard Congreve c 28 May 1714 Stretton; (educ. Charterhouse) 3 Jul 1728 [JG X 194]; d 27  
Jul 1782; (lord of  
Congreve)  
[9 sons]

[Since he died in prison his eldest son probably did not inherit]

John Congreve  
c 15 Jan 1693 Gnosall  
m Ann ----  
chn: William Congreve c 15 Dec 1721 Sutton Maddock; d 1776 Worfield; Will (---)  
20 Oct 1775/11 Aug 1779  
Mary Congreve c 17 Apr 1724 Sutton Maddock; m 19 Sep 1754 Sutton Maddock: Robert  
Binnel  
Abigail Congreve c 26 Jan 1726 Sutton Maddock  
John Congreve c 11 Apr 1732 Sutton Maddock

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Richard Congreve of Congreve 1714-1782

c 28 May 1714 Stretton

m1 14 Mar 1776 Cheadle: Martha Jones dau and heir of John Jones of Fynnant, Montgoms

m2 Elizabeth Savage; m1 William Birch

d 27 Jul 1782 Iscoyd, Flint; i 1 Aug 1782 Malpas; Will (---) 30 Aug 1782

(lord of Congreve)

(educated at Charterhouse) 3 Jul 1728

(Chaplain to Bishop Hough of Worcester)

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chn: William Congreve b 2 Mar 1777; c 1 Apr 1777 Cannock

Richard Congreve b 2 Aug 1778; c 1 Sep 1778 Cannock

Mariamne Congreve c 13 Mar 1780 Cannock; unm.; d 1871; (of Iscoyd Park, Flint)

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### **Ralph Congreve 1668-**

c 4 Mar 1668 Colwich *yr son of John Congreve of Stretton, Staffs Esquire 1636-.... [SLG]*

m Ann Hanmer

(Colonel); (Lieut-Gov., Gilbralter)

chn: Ralph Congreve below

Ann Congreve unm.

Ralph Congreve of Aldermaston, Berks c1698-1775

m Charlotte Stawell dau and heir of William Stawell 3rd Baron Stawell of Somerton

c1683-1742 [CP]; (but had no chn); m1 .....; (but had no chn); m2 .....

.....; (but had no chn); d 24 Jul 1761 OR 1762; M.I. (Aldermaston)

d 1775

(M.P.)

(by right of his wife, of Aldermaston, Berks)

(left his estate to the senior branch of the family)

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### **William Congreve of Bardsey, Yorks c1638-**

b c1638 son of Richard Congreve of Stretton, Staffs Esquire c1610-p1680 [SLG]

m Mary Browning dau of Walter Browning

(of Bardsey Grange); (commanded the garrison at Youghal)

chn: William Congreve b 24 Jan 1669.70; c 10 Feb 1669.70 Bardsey, Yorks below

### **William Congreve dramatist 1670-1729**

b 24 Jan 1669.70; c 10 Feb 1669.70 Bardsey, Yorks

d 19 Jan 1728.9 aged 56 OR 57[sic]; i 26 Jan 1728.9 Westminster Abbey

(educ. Kilkenny School); (at Trinity College, Dublin) 1685; (adm. Middle Temple) 17 Mar 1691; (his

comedy play THE OLD BACHELOR produced) 1693 ; (his grandson William Congreve created a

Baronet) 1812; [see OXFORD COMPANION TO ENGLISH LITERATURE 1940] [DNB] [SIMMS]

[WESTMINSTER 324 which suggests the christening above may be of an elder brother of the same name] [SIMMS gives a different account of his parentage]

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c1532 FAS; \*1614/64; \*1664/1700; BLG 1837 II 15-6; BLG 1914; BLG 18th v2 113; \*VCH

(CONGREVE in TETTENHALL) (STRETTON); VIS.WARWICKS.1619 45 CHECK: Berry's

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